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KING and QUEEN.

And His Majesty's most Gracious

ANSWER.



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Gracious Sovereign,

IT having pleased Almighty God, in whose Hand is the Breath of the greatest Monarch, to Remove by Death our late gracious King thy Royal Father, an Affliction in which we thy dutifull Subjects deeply share, as sensible that his Reign was one continued Blessing to all his People, and in which we enjoy'd not only the Indulgences granted us in the Reigns of his Royal Predecessors, but all fresh Marks of his own Clemency and Goodness; we having therefore great and just Cause to condole the Loss of a Prince so gracious and beneficent, But when we Consider that the Mercifull Hand of Divine Providence hath placed so peaceably on the Throne a Son, the Successour of his Royal Virtues, (the earnest whereof we behold with Pleasure during the short Experience of thy prudent Administration when Regent) it is Cause sufficient to abate our Greif and assuage our Sorow: And the Hopes we then conciv'd are fully confirmed by the gracious Declaration from the Throne, to make all thy Subjects happy and secure in the full Enjoyments of their Religious and Civil Rights. Wherefore Great Prince, we, though a small Part of thy dutiful Subjects, humble beg Leave to approach thy Royal Presence with sincere and hearty Congratulations on thy ascending the British Throne in perfect Tranquility, and to declare our entire Affection and dutiful Obedience to thy Royal Person and Government, as our Christian and peaceable Principle enjoyns. And we greatly hope thy Hand will be the happy Instrument to finish that good Work, begun by thy Royal Father, of claming and composing the Differences of Europe, & preventing the Calamities of War which were so lately threatned.

We also humbly beg Leave to express the joyfull Sense impress'd upon our Minds of the Princely Virtues of our gracious Queen thy Royal Consort, and of the pleasing Prospect of your numerous and hopeful Issue, who whilst they are shining and illustrious Ornaments around the Throne, are valuable Pledges of the future Peace and Security of these Kingdoms.

May the Almighty and Allwise God shower down on thy Royal Head and Family His Divine as well as Temporal Blessings. May He by His Wisdom guide thee in thy Counsels, to the promoting of Religion and Virtue, the support of the Protestant Cause in general, and the Good of all thy Subjects

Subjects. And may the Weight and Care usually annex'd to a Crown, be lightned and made easy by the dutiful and chearful Obedience of a great & free People,

Sign'd in behalf of the said People, London, the 12th of the 5th Month called July, 1727.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer.

T His dutiful and loyal Address is very acceptable to Me, and you may depend upon my Protection.

They afterwards waited on the Queen and Mr. John Eccleston made the following Speech.

My it please our Gracious Queen,

AS we have been favoured with the liberty of Access to our gracious King, to condole the Death of his Royal Father, to congratulate his Accession to the the British Throne; and to the tender Assurances of our Affection and Fidelity to his royal Person and Government. We beg Leave with great difference humbly to approach thy Royal Presence on the same solemn Occasions, which we now do with all the affection and regard due from dutiful and obedient Subjects.

Gracious Queen.

May thy Enjoyment of the Royal dignity be long and happy, and may our present gracious King long possess the British throne in peace, till future Time and Maturity of Years shall transfer it in Safety to your Royal and hoped Offspring, form'd and nurtur'd for Government by the virtuous Care to fit Examples to future Princes, a Blessing to late Posterity, and the assured Security under Divine Providence of our present happy Constitution,

To which her Majesty was pleased to give a very gracious Answer.

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